

FOWLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #225

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Request for Waiver of Deadline

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CC Docket No. 02-6**1. Detailed contact information:**

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2. Requesting a waiver of USAC correspondence “Funding Year 2008 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window” dated May 7, 2008.**3. Billed Entity Name:** Fowler Unified School Dist. 225
100 East 8th Ave.
Fowler, KS 67844**Billed Entity Number:** 138167**Application Number:** 637880**Funding Request Numbers:** 1766370
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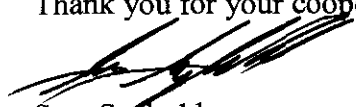
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4. I respectfully request a waiver for filing Form 471 outside of the application window. USD225 was hit by a tornado two (2) years ago which destroyed the west wing of our high school and demolished our Industrial Arts Building. We spent this time rebuilding and moved into our new facility. On January 29th, 2008, we experienced an electrical outage caused by a raccoon getting into a transformer. The electrical surges and low voltage ensuing fried the district's main server. We were not able to access our office computers for a two (2) week period and unfortunately, the 471 filing window occurred during the same time period. Our network was inaccessible which included the student information database, attendance, lunch counts, payroll, billing, and administrative reporting. As Superintendent, my focus was on getting the district back up and operating. When our new server was installed and data was re-entered, I realized the 471 filing window had closed during this period, I called USAC and told them of my dilemma. They understood and told me to go ahead and file the Form 471, see if it was accepted, or I would be notified of needing to request a waiver. They understood I was not able to file electronically during that time, but to get it filed as soon as possible. I respectfully request a waiver of the deadline for the Form 471. USD225 is healing after the devastation of the tornado and then this occurs. Please give us consideration to help us get back to normal.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.



Sam Seybold
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USD225, Fowler, KS

**FUNDING YEAR 2008 FORM 471
POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW**

May 7, 2008

Sam Seybold
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100 EAST 8TH AVE
FOWLER, KS 67844

**Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: FY09
Form 471 Application Number: 637880**

Dear Sam Seybold:

We're sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 02/22/2008, which is AFTER the Funding Year 2008-2009 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 7, 2008.

Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the USAC website at www.usac.org/sl once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of pending applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for future Funding Years, please visit our website or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant or service provider name,
 - BEN,
 - Application number 637880 as assigned by USAC,
 - "Funding Year 2008 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter,"AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.

4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.

5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email to appeals@sl.universalservice.org. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to us by fax, fax your appeal to (973)599-6542.

To submit your appeal to us on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit
100 South Jefferson Road
P.O. Box 902
Whippany, NJ 07981

You have the option of filing an appeal with USAC or with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted on our website. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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